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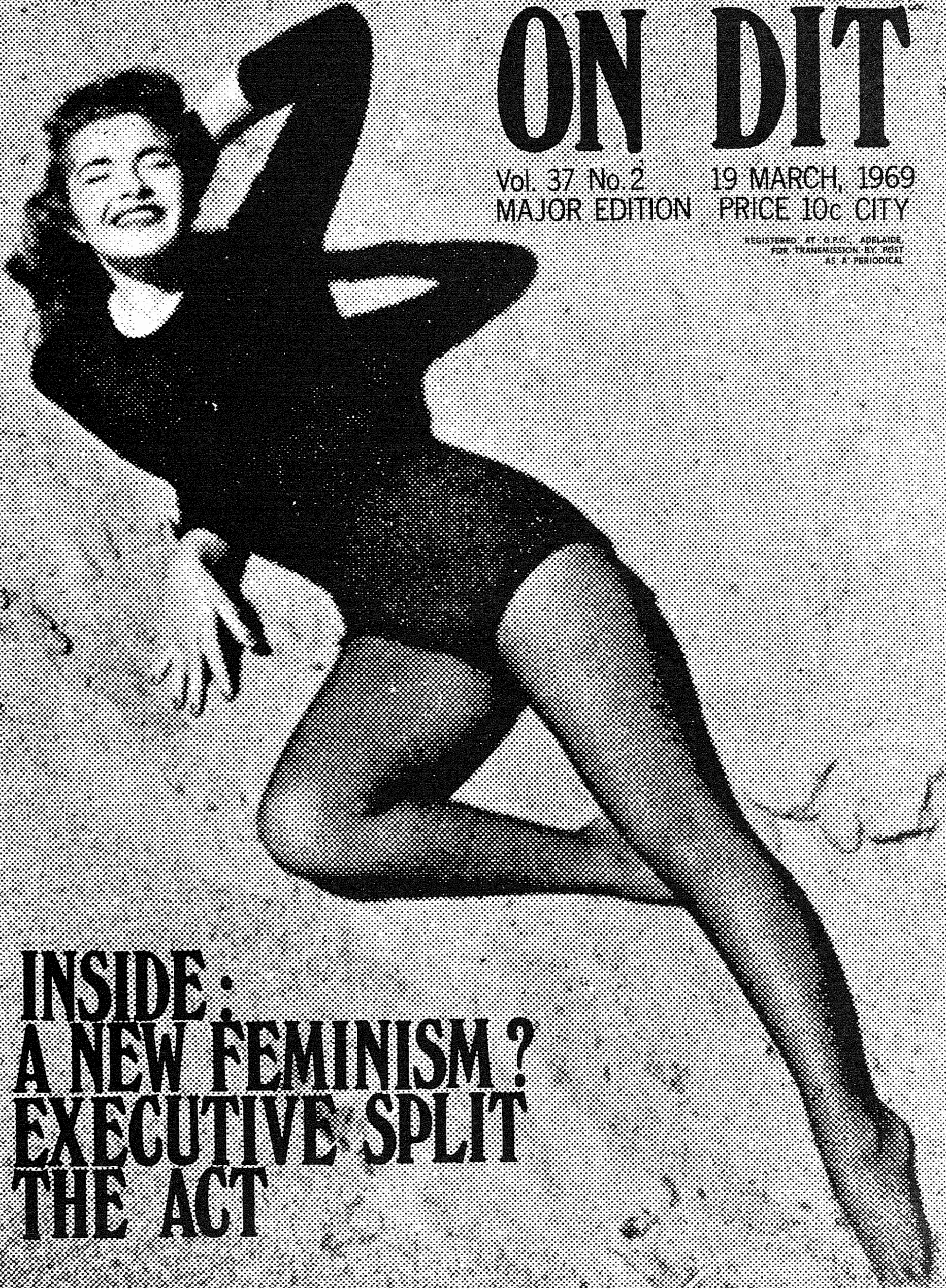


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EDITORIAL

STUDENTS UNDERGROUND

Describing the Underground Student Movement as 'subversive', Education Minister Mrs. Steele has 'warned' headmasters about an SDA subcommittee which is concerning itself with the education situation in high schools.

The central issue raised by the existence of underground newspapers has been obscured by the tactics of bringing to public attention the fact that the students distributing the subversive literature were bearded (a sure sign of radicalism).

The deplorable facts of the high school system are these: that too often headmasters and staff inhibit any freedom of expression among their students; they stifle any glimmer of initiative which may shine forth.

It is nonsense to claim that secondary school students are allowed to express their opinions on the major political and social issues confronting them. They are not.

Witness the 'immediate confiscation' of SDA's pamphlets at Woodville High

School. This action by the staff was a repressive measure to stop students from reading an invitation (albeit hysterical in tone) to use SDA's facilities to produce their own underground paper in which to express their views freely.

Have school authorities so little faith in the efficiency of their own powers of persuasion that they dare not let students make their own decision on such a blatant issue?

A headmaster has absolute and utter control over all students under him. In the hands of an intolerant and narrow-minded man this can do irreparable damage to those young and impressionable minds. They move into society already prejudiced against minority groups. They will react immediately and irrationally to any suggestion of change.

Mrs. Steele should ask herself why such 'subversive' activity occurs. Perhaps at the moment it is the only way in which students may exercise the freedom so frequently championed by society — the freedom to say what one thinks.

SAFEGUARD OR CENSOR?

The perennial question of the function of the S.R.C. has been raised in a dramatic way by the proposed introduction through S.R.C. channels of the Eden Valley scheme for lessening taxation.

The scheme was supported by the President, with an initial firmness, which has since become tinged with exasperated paternalism, and strongly, if not vehemently opposed by the Secretary and NUAUS Secretary, and some of the few vocal back-benchers.

The grisly end of the debate, whether some student will or will not have the chance to gamble on this issue of saving some coin, is relatively minor. The issues that the S.R.C. debate, and the continuing controversy are not.

Whether the S.R.C. ought to concern itself with issues on predominantly ethical grounds, and so face a possible accusation of acting as a censor is a question that should have been resolved much earlier in its

history.

Always, in considering any motion affecting the way personal affairs are conducted, ethical ground are to some extent used as a basis for argument.

Mr. Searle, in speaking against the scheme observed that a choice of whether or not to present an apparently legal way of lessening one's tax should never have been presented to the S.R.C.

He was probably right. However, the choice has been offered, and the S.R.C. has voted. Debate is still heated within the sanctum, and it is likely that the matter will be put before a general student meeting.

The principles involved by both sides affect the whole question of student representation. While this is a question affecting changes in policy being made by Adelaide's University Council, informed debate throughout the campus is imperative.

Hall's Conscience

Dear Sirs,
A point of information to readers, and more particularly, your education correspondent, Catherine Thiem.

The Council by-law regarding distribution of literature states: No person shall . . . "Upon any street, footway, or other public place, give out or distribute to bystanders or passers-by, any hand bills, placards, notices, advertisements, books, tickets, pamphlets or paper"

You will notice no mention of permits. That is because there is no permit system. The by-law is a flat denial of the individual's right to disseminate literature in a public place.

Many of us have laboured under the misapprehension of the existence of a permit system. The council had, apparently deliberately, disguised the fact that no permit existed.

Freedom of speech is more than a democratic right.

It is a principle that has been cherished since man first spoke. Leafleting is a poor man's way of expressing his views. A poor man cannot buy time on T.V. or radio, and everybody knows that the government controls the news media.

Freedom is not something locked up only to be given to the privileged few. Consequently, I could not apply for a permit, even if such a system existed.

As regards conscience, there are people who put their country first, and then their employer, and then their conscience.

A strange order of priorities, I feel. The Nuremberg Trials set the principle that people should act by the dictates of their conscience, not as the state employer demands.

There are many aspects of society I find repugnant and immoral. I feel obliged to speak out against Vietnam, conscription, and even council bylaws.

I personally feel that the only way to change these laws is by getting numbers of people to break them.

And, Catherine, finally, I'd love to meet some of your "long haired, casually dressed, 'revolutionaries'" that you speak of.

Yours etc.
ROBERT HALL

Stokes On Jones

Dear Sirs,
The ever-ready Member for Adelaide, Mr. Andrew Jones, has struck again! Verbally, as is his wont. During Orientation Week a lunchtime meeting passed by about 56 votes to 47 a motion supporting the N.L.F. Mr. Jones, M.H.R., branded this as typical of the "Left Wingism" becoming increasingly apparent at Adelaide Uni. Poor Andrew.

I know my maths is not perfect but it does seem to me that 100 students out of a population of approximately 8,500 is hardly representative (about 1.2%), and the meeting did not claim that it was representative.

It's an old saying, but very applicable to our beloved Andrew: The only time he opens his mouth is when he changes feet. Andrew, you've done it again!

Yours etc.
DAVID STOKES

McEwen On The NLF

Dear Sirs,
How honest do we have to be with our own values before we understand the nature of the conflict within Vietnam? Can our concepts still allow such niceties as 'black and white' — surely conflict involves two parties, initiated by provocation on both sides. Can there ever be a right side, judged on the basis of least provocation?

See Vietnam in the light of such conflict? Complicated by nationalism, Geneva Agreement, natures of constituted government and different aggressions. On this background MUST be imposed 'East and West' if one honestly believes in an ideology and in a state of internationalism as opposed to



LETTERS TO THE EDITORS

conventional nationalism, no-one can dismiss the individuality to promulgate belief within world's BEING

Why not see the N.L.F. in this light, inspired by Hanoi and supported by other communist regimes. Similarly, America on this basis should have equal initiative in defending a country from a diametrically opposed theory.

And one can talk of justice and morality, of bombing, of atrocities, — but what of the country itself. How willing is a people to be utilised as a pawn of international chess? What morality can be seen in either sides aims and actions?

So, while I do not deny Australia's right or need, or fosterhood of democracy, Vietnam seems an unwise choice. The nature of the war is lost in the vague and complicated histories of this unfortunate nation-identity.

The uncertainty of the war's nature did little to enhance Australia's commitment on the 'side of right'. Timed as it was Australia's commitment could be called unrealistic.

Economic aid, backed by growing military competency, shoumination, so that it's people are not susceptible to the apparently prevalent success communism has to the Third World.

Yours faithfully,
ANDREW McEWEN

Police Abortion

Dear Sirs,
It is interesting to note the eager and virtuous tenacity with which the police in various States of this 19th century Australia of ours seek out and bring to "justice" qualified medical practitioners who carry out abortions.

Such police action delights little old mid-Victorian ladies, the Church hierarchy, and other assorted pressure groups.

Pity the police can do little or nothing to stop the more violent and dangerous backyard abortions.

Pity their activities increase the trade for the unqualified backyard abortionists with their electric shocks, Condy's crystals, and assorted metal rods. Pity really. Isn't it?

Yours etc.
EGGBERT.

Elliott — Ulcerated

Dear Sirs,
I am appalled at the recent rise in refectory prices. Even though a loss was incurred last year, a price rise does not seem warranted.

Students should only be made to pay what the food is worth, and very few students were satisfied with the value for money even at the old, lower prices.

I, Sirs, feel this problem most acutely, for I have recently been informed that I have a stomach ulcer. According to my doctor this ailment is due either to overwork or poor food.

My examination results indicate that it was not the former, and since my mother is a fine cook, the blame can only be laid (metaphorically speaking) at the refectory door.

The salient question is, "Where is the extra money going?"

Is it paying for more, or better, food, or is it paying for inefficiency? If it is the former, then no student will complain. But if it is the latter, then something should be done.

I remain, etc.
P.G. ELLIOTT.

Mrs. Steele

Dear Sirs,
The ineptitude of South Australia's Minister of Education is obvious without her continual attempts to supply proof; and successful attempts at that. It was bad enough that Mrs. Steele did not know the difference between a primary and secondary Teachers' College. Her later blunders did not help. But now we are presented with her ill-considered pronouncements on the recent 'Student Underground' activities at certain High Schools. It should be pointed out that most headmasters involved allowed their students to read the 'subversive' literature handed to them before school one morning, and allowed them to make up their own minds. This is an extremely gratifying and enlightened approach, and in fact most students rejected what they read. The one notable exception of course was Norwood High School where to read the literature was an offence and led to the headmaster indulging in Chinese Communist-style public 'confessions'; and when someone painted 'Gestapo' on school buildings declared that 'my boys' could not have done it.

This brings me to comments by Mrs. Steele and others which infer that S.D.A. was the sole body engaged in distribution of the controversial literature (and nobody denies S.D.A.'s participation in this) and in he daubing of the walls at Norwood High. It is time someone pointed out that S.D.A. (Students for Democratic Action) is a the latter may well have been involved in the painting, there is good reason to doubt that S.D.A. was. One should also add that S.D.S. is Communist-controlled, but S.D.A. is not.

For heaven's sake Mrs. Steele, please get your facts straight before you open your mouth again! You are, if you so wish, entitled to be ill-informed, but not at the expense of others!

Yours etc.
ARAGORN.

Methos On Manos

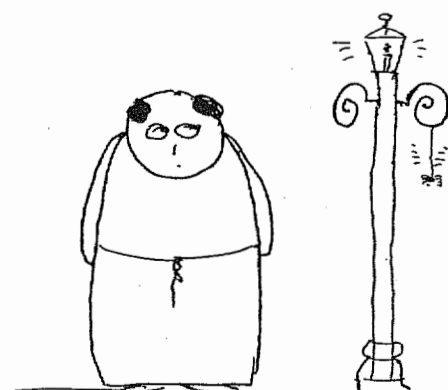
Dear Sirs,
In your "Minor Edition" of On Dit, under the by-line of "Bill Manos writes for On Dit on University Representation", there appeared an article of some length, the apotheosis of which ["How long, O Lord, how long?"] appropriated a tenet of The Protestant Ethic.

Our League would question the suitability of Mr. Manos — shades of Makarios Orthodoxy? — to invoke the spirit of the Wesleyan tradition in his messianic posturings.

In vero veritas est.

Yours faithfully,
S. C. Turner,
Moderator
Ethnic Methodist League

J. F. Millbank,
Scripture Secretary
Ethnic Methodist League.



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**RIGHT
UP** 

Liberty equals freedom. now and always. Freedom of thought comes from liberalism; that is, an attitude of questioning and search for the best solution to any problem, regardless of the relation of the solution to any other political school of thought.

The traditional picture of the liberal conflict with conservatism still exists. Conservatives have an unhealthy respect for the status quo.

Until the status quo means political equality of opportunity for all, no liberal could be satisfied.

Modern society has caused another threat to man's liberty by the erection of large impersonal bureaucracies.

These monoliths arbitrarily deal with human problems by following rules and regulations, and little if any scope is provided for the humaneness that should be present when power is exercised over people.

Worse, no recourse is open to the public against the arbitrary actions of the bureaucracies, and man's freedom is reduced by as much as his actions are ruled by agencies and people he has no chance of expressing an effective opinion or choice on.

The status quo is unacceptable to all liberals on these and many other counts. Therefore no political group which accepts the inequalities of present political and social life as readily as does one party in Australian politics could be correctly called "Liberal."

Conservative is more apt. The A.U.L.C. is definitely unsatisfied with the status quo on these and other issues.

You can find out more about the principles of liberalism and other vital issues by participating in A.U.L.C. discussions and other activities this year.

Further, this club provides a viable means of expressing your views, where notice is taken and policy is made.

"Right Up" is a columnar organ of the A.U.L.C., offered by G. W. Battersby.

The editors will be pleased to make available space for columns of this kind, provided the views expressed are argued in a literate fashion, and with at least some semblance of logic.

GRANT ELLIOTT RECREATES UNION NIGHT

Last Wednesday night saw the first Union Night Debate on the Adelaide Campus. Jointly sponsored by the S.R.C. and the Debating Club, the evening can be considered a qualified success, and something that should be continued.

The point at issue in the parliamentary style debate was that "Politics is Pointless". Two students, O'Brien and Elliott, led the "Government" argument, while politics lecturers, Reid and Abbie defended their vocation. The S.R.C. Vice-President, Andrew Cannon, occupied the speaker's chair and dispensed liquid refreshment to the back-benchers, the audience.

Anarchy Is Democracy

Fortunately, no one took the topic for debate seriously. "Premier" Elliott informed the honourable members that anarchy was the most democratic force in the world, and reinforced his point with the salient quotations: "And thou great Anarch let the curtain fall And universal darkness covers all".

The "Opposition" leader, Brian Abbie, resplendent in red tie, declared that the whole of politics could be understood if one could grasp the fact that some people own polo ponies, while others do not.

When it was understood that the basis for his argument was that neither he nor his "Deputy" possessed polo ponies, the "Premier" offered to take up a collection to purchase one of the animals in question.

The opposition was silenced.

Following on, the Honourable member for O'Brien made a vigorous speech in support of William of Orange, Paisley, Protestantism and Irish Union.

O'Brien Sings

His patriotic fervour led him to leap on to a table to lead the "Members" in a rousing rendition of "God Save... etc" and a toast to Her Majesty. Meanwhile, the Speaker, sherry glass in hand, muttered inane and weakening cries of "Chowilla".

Deputy Opposition Leader Reid took up this point and dwelt at length on the pronunciation of the word. He also mentioned his daughter Zoe, his salary, and Aristotle as reasons for rejecting the "Government" motion.

Back Benches Overcome

Speeches were not readily forthcoming from the back benchers, though the Member for Martin spoke at length on the subject of ticks and D.D.T., and the Member for White crossed the floor and left the House.

At this time a division was called for, and the debate having proved rather pointless, the "Government" was judged to have proved its point.

Although fairly amusing, the debate got a little out of hand.

Either greater control from the chair or a lesser quantity of sherry is called for. Preferably the former.

Relevance

The speeches made by the "Government" and "Opposition" leaders, should have been more disciplined and a trifle more to the point.

Many people, particularly freshers, were bewildered by the whole performance, and this may explain the lack of speeches from the back bench.

More people should be encouraged to prepare speeches beforehand and to deliver them. It is, after all, a Union Night, and all are members of the Union.

For the first time since 1881, when the University was established, changes in the make-up of the Council are coming, it seems. The Council will gain two student reps, if a draft revision of the University Act, currently being circulated for comment, is accepted.

Last year, Vice-Chancellor Badger made it known that he favoured two students on Council; and in The News last week the five Parliamentary members of Council intimated that they agreed fully with this reform. Nothing more is known about the thinking of Council, and any factions that might exist in it. Nor is anything known of possible outside pressures in this direction. STUDENT-STAFF PRESSURE

The only public pressure to date, has been from students primarily, with academic staff occasionally chipping in. If student pressure is the only pressure, or the main one, then the Council's apparent impatience to reform is understandable.

ON DIT has details of the draft proposals. We do not know, however, whether the draft is the first or last, whether it will be made public officially, and whether the Council in general supports it or not.

CHANGES IN COUNCIL COMPOSITION

The OLD Council was made up this way:

- TWENTY members elected by the Senate (the total organization of all graduates of Adelaide Uni.).
- FIVE members elected by S.A. Parliament.
- TWO ex officio (non voting) members — the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor.

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TOTAL: 27. The NEW Council shapes up like this:

- TEN members elected by Senate.
- FIVE members elected by S.A. Parliament.
- TWO members elected by undergraduates.
- FOUR members elected by Academic Staff.
- FOUR ex officio members — The Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, Deputy-Chancellor, Director-General of Education for S.A.
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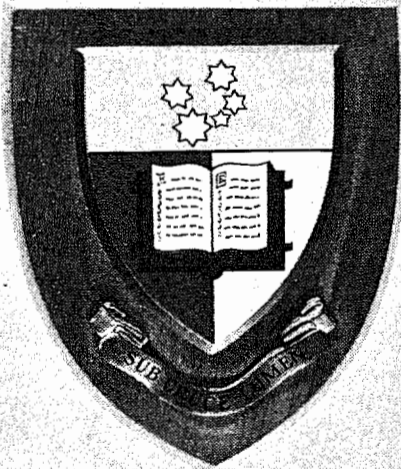
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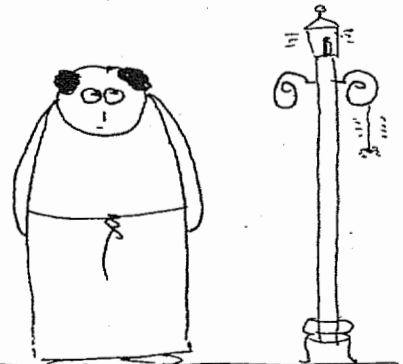
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FROM STUDENT COUNSELLOR TO YOU...

The Counselling Service is one of the avenues through which new students, as well as established ones, may secure assistance in coping more successfully with the varied demands of undergraduate life.

Most people at the University understand how strongly many undergraduates desire to manage their own affairs, and to free themselves from paternalism, however well-intended. Because this is understood, the Counselling Service offers assistance in ways which are meant to add to rather than subtract from the student's independence in solving his difficulties.

While those who wish to discuss concerns of one sort or another are made welcome, students who wish not to do so are of course completely free to follow their own judgment and inclination.

It is left to the student to decide not only whether he wishes to be helped, but also how far he wishes to be helped. The Counselling Service does no more than make itself freely available to all students, without obligation of any kind.

GROPING

At the same time you should remember that the tempo of university work is not geared to provide much time for you to grope around in resolving concerns that impede study. Even for the shy, more reticent person. There is really no need for the sort of anxiety and difficulty that students sometimes report in nerving themselves to make an appointment. The Counselling Service was established largely at the request of student representatives as a service for themselves and their fellows.

They felt that it was a normal feature of undergraduate experience to meet situations in which discussion with some uninvolved and uninvolved person could help to clarify the issues and point to solutions.

KINDS OF DIFFICULTY

Blocks in one's forward progress may be of many kinds. Some relate immediately to study, where the student recognizes a need to develop new or more effective methods of learning, or a need to develop and maintain his own organized overall pattern of study to replace the organization largely supplied for him in the secondary school by his teachers.

Other blocks may be encountered in the immediate personal life of the student, in his relationships with parents, and fellow students of both sexes. For other students, the concern may be more distant or more vague and general, such as misgiving about a career, which lies several years away in the future, but which must to some extent be anticipated and planned for in the present.

More general, but still very real to the student encountering them, are loneliness, doubts about personal worth, confusion in philosophy of life, concern about sexual matters, unhappiness, anxiety and emotional disturbance.

INDIVIDUAL COUNSELLING

In the past year approximately four hundred students, ranging from freshers to higher degree candidates, of all nationalities, and of both sexes, availed themselves of counselling assistance with concerns over the whole range described above.

Many were satisfied with a single appointment, while others chose to explore their concerns in a more intensive way. All were assured of confidentiality for whatever they wished to discuss.

INTERESTS WITHOUT PROBLEMS

However, many students are interested in, rather than concerned about, some of the life stages through which

they are passing, or are uncertain and hesitant rather than troubled.

In thinking about such matters students may find it helpful to draw on the experience of another interested person who may be able also to point to further useful sources of information.

GROUPS

While an individual appointment is available to each student who desires it, some students who have problems or interests of a similar sort may obtain more benefit from mutual discussion with fellow students, under the guidance of the counsellor. People find it helpful to learn that others of their group share many of the same concerns, and to learn about the way of viewing and dealing with them that others adopt.

Further, students who wish to find ways to respond more confidently and adequately in social situations can use such groups as a learning situation in which they are assured of understanding of their difficulties. Groups for these purposes will be available in 1969 and enquiries at the Counselling office are invited, without any obligation.

BOOKLETS

For him who prefers to read rather than talk, the Counselling Service has a range of reasonable books and brochures.

Some refer to various aspects of modern living, some attempt to deal with particular issues;

some offer the best available guides about study and some self-help training programs in reading, study and expression.

No one source pretends to advance already-made panaceas, prescriptions or final definitive statements. All offer something to expand and perspective and lend direction to the thinking of the enquirer.

It seems a strange and mistaken notion that academic disciplines are proper subjects for study, but that the complex business of understanding and living life more satisfying should be left on a basis of trial and error, without the benefit of the readily available recorded experience of those who have already met or deeply considered the basic issues that comprise the human condition.

SELF MEASURE

Supplies of an educational instrument called the "Survey of Study Habits and Attitudes" have been procured to enable students in a systematic way to take stock of their approach to study, and to identify areas in need of remedial attention.

This procedure is likely to have particular value to the new student, but it could also be useful to the established student of any faculty who has not been as successful as he would have wished.

Of particular interest to students whose courses involve much reading are standardized

measures of reading speed and comprehension, supplies of which are now available for students who wish to check on this aspect of their tools of trade.

ART AND CRAFT

In a quite different vein, it has seemed that the University offers much in the way of intellectual, sporting and social life, but not so much in the way of emotional and creative satisfaction.

As a first step in this direction the Counselling Service invites students to try their hand at painting and clay work, in a workroom generously furnished by the Union.

The invitation is extended not only to those with already developed talent but to students with little or no previous experience who may indeed believe they have no talent at all.

The activity is envisaged as an opportunity to experiment and to relax, 'to have a go', rather than an opportunity to gain formal training in art or craft. The services of a qualified person have been secured for one lunch hour a week, but the workroom will be generally open during the daytime hours to permit students to drop in at will.

ENQUIRIES

Enquiries about any of the services offered will be welcomed at the Counselling Service, which is located, as the notice says, "through the iron gateway". Alternatively the telephone extension is 2663.

Talking Student Power

ROB DURBRIDGE
MEMBER SDA



The recent announcement by the VC that the University Act would be changed to allow two students, elected by the students, to sit on the University Council, comes as no surprise. Despite the fact that demand for student representation were first voiced by the third SRC in 1949 it is characteristic of those in power in the University that they should accede at this time. For this is no altruistic move springing from the progressive and enlightened views of the bureaucracy, although it might be rationalised as such.

Rather, it is the instinctive reflex of an Administration confronted with a global demand by students for an end to alienation from the decision making process and manipulation by established elites. It was the students at Berkeley, Nanterre, Columbia, Berlin and many other Universities, some Australian, who earned us our representation, combined of course with the horror with which bureaucrats view disorder.

The VC is after all a "nice guy" and is probably more liberal than most of our fathers — he just doesn't want trouble. The reforms both proposed and already announced can thus be seen as an essay in tokenism and an example of the way in which any elite will concede up to a point in order to maintain the facade of legitimacy necessary to maintain power.

PATERNALISM

A brief examination of the way in which the reforms already announced came about is sufficient to prove the point. The student committee, formed under the auspices of the SRC to investigate reform of the University structure, recommended late in 1968 that no action should be taken before student opinion was more fully canvassed and informed on the issue. Despite this specific request the Vice Chancellor announced during the long vacation that the Council had decided to allow students on the Library Committee and the Sites and Grounds Committee. This was done against the knowledge of the

SRC President Manos who was aware of the student committee's recommendation.

The way in which the Administration acted is indicative of the attitude which it apparently has of student opinion; "The students are making noises but we know what's best for them so we'll put them on two unimportant committees to shut them up." It is also indicative of the hand-in-glove relationship the current SRC President enjoys with the Administration.

POWER

For the reforms mean very little in real terms. They mean a more efficient transmission belt for ideas and demands between students and the Administration. They mean, in the words of "The Advertiser," a "student voice." This is a step in the right direction to be sure but shout as hard as they like, two students will never outvote the remaining 23 Councillors, even if they have the unanimous support of their 10,000 odd fellow students. Ultimately power in the University stays in the same place as it has since 1874 — in the hands of the up-town businessmen, professional men and career academics and bureaucrats.

CONSERVATISM

President Manos in his article in the last ON DIT failed even to appreciate the arguments for university democracy, let alone counter them. He says, "A university is not a democracy and cannot become one without generating into pandemonium." Historically all advances have been accompanied by such reactionary warnings — the extension of the franchise to the working class, votes for women, the abolition of property qualifications — to the notoriously limited imagination of conservatives all these advances have been doomed to abject failure. Presumably he is basing his statement on the few occasions when students have taken power in universities — naturally there is pandemonium when the forces of reaction in the student body and in the State range themselves against the radicals to regain control.

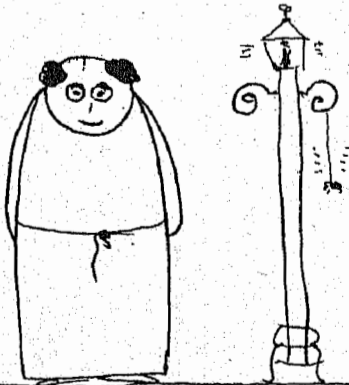
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EXECUTIVE SPLIT OVER TAX-DODGE RUCKUS

A company, Glenrich Rand Pty. Ltd, has approached the President of the SRC with a proposal by which students may lessen tax on income they will earn after graduation.

A primary producer is taxed on his average income, so that if he has a good year, and then a bad year, his tax is that on two medium years.

A student, usually earns almost nothing for from three to five years. After this, suddenly his income is a high one.

If in the lean years he has become a primary producer, then a student is not taxed on his large income. Instead he is taxed as though that income had been spread over the past years. This of course, is a much lower rate of taxation.

Students are not primary producers. Nor, apparently, under the letter of the law are several people who do earn their living from small scale primary industry.

The point of the Glenrich scheme is that students, or anyone, can become technically, a primary producer, by paying \$1 to a "charity."

A farm in Queensland is run under a trust system. As an income beneficiary, one is entitled, officially, to be called a primary producer, and to the benefits accruing therefrom.

After graduation and the first proposed tax saving comes the bill for services rendered. \$50 a year. A small sum, compared with the savings.

So sayeth Glenrich. The President of the SRC after consultation with the Company's representatives, and having conferred with members of the legal profession, agreed.

Not so other members of his executive, nor several of his back benchers. When the issue was presented to the SRC there was considerable and heated debate. It resulted in the following motion being narrowly (6-5) carried:

That this SRC agrees to distribute material concerning the primary production status scheme, but accepts no responsibility whatsoever for the scheme, or any legal consequences following therefrom.

Five dissensions were recorded.

Since the Executive is so fundamentally divided on this matter, and because the principles on which it must be decided by students affect the concept of the SRC ON DIT has offered to the Secretary, Chris White and the President, Bill Manos, the opportunity of setting out their concepts of the issues involved.



Manos again, "In any case, a community of scholars... is not born of a conciliar structure" but rather from, "a change in attitude of staff and students and a desire on the part of both to strive towards a more meaningful interaction and a more relevant and interesting education." Obviously such a change of attitude is needed but to hope for it somehow spontaneously to evolve is to show a lack of awareness of the forces perverting the nature of the university. It is to deny the role that the university is playing in contemporary capitalist Australian society.

DEGREE FACTORY

Primarily the university is acting as a training school for the technicians of society — for its engineers, chemists, lawyers and teachers; People to make the wheels go round without questioning fundamental values. If this role is not performed at an ever-increasing rate and with ever-increasing efficiency the capacity and profitability of the system will be impaired. The acceptance of this promise by university administrators, often inarticulately and unconsciously, is visible in the sort of universities they have created. The government view, important in that administrators frame their policies in accord with it to get finance, is obvious from the latest effort in the field of tertiary education. Increased spending on universities has been greatly restricted and the money channelled into "Colleges of Advanced Education" — a euphemism for glorified technical colleges.

The argument for university democracy is simple. The university community consists of the staff, both academic and administrative, and the students. The members of this community should have the power to decide collectively the important questions which will have direct repercussions on them. If democracy is to mean more than a triennial abstraction then it must operate on the grass-roots level — it must give people the opportunity to participate in decisions which immediately affect them in universities, schools and factories. The revolutionary implications of this principle are obvious. Capitalism is a system which by its very nature and inevitably cannot co-exist with the implementation of such a principle.

Staff/student control of the University can thus be seen as a long-term aim and an ideal towards which we can work. It is also a perspective in which we can put the recent reformist moves by the Administration. In this light the proposals can clearly be seen as paternalistic tokens to keep the gullible happy.

WHITE: AGAINST

The central question that faced the SRC, was whether as a supposedly responsible student body it should act as agent for a company proposing that students participate in a tax dodging scheme.

The scheme is simply dishonest. Dishonest because the paying of one dollar, and thus the agreeing to become an income beneficiary by signing a form, does not make a person a legitimate primary producer.

The SRC, and all University students, should denounce any participation whatsoever in this tax dodging, which represents a decision on the simplest of moral issues.

Other arguments against the SRC attaching its name to the scheme will be put forward. The real issue remains, however, a moral one.

The average SRC member, and the average student, is in no position to argue or vote about complicated financial and economic matters, taxation operations, trust relationships, liabilities of beneficiaries under primary production schemes, and other legal subtleties, especially when the assurances and information come from only one member of the SRC, the President, who has been discussing the issues with the company representatives for several months.

The moral force behind any arguments made to the Government by the Adelaide SRC and NUAUS concerning legitimate tax concessions for students must be weakened when it has been made clear that the official representative student body is an agent in a tax dodging scheme.

The way to overcome any inequalities in government policy is not to jump on every loophole in the taxation structure, but to continue to press for change.

The SRC is acting irresponsibly in participating in a scheme which allows students in their newly organized professions to dodge the paying of tax.

To argue that these schemes operate already is irrelevant to student participation, and only provides some evidence of many of the moral contradictions and hypocrisies that exist in today's society. It is much more a service to society to make moral stands than to contribute in a manner which can dishonestly benefit the SRC and the student body.

This need to make a strong moral stand destroys any arguments that say "if it's legal, it's ethical", and the SRC would be acting as censor of student ethics". "Censor" is a misleading word. The SRC, as agent for the scheme, can benefit through individual members, and itself as an organization, especially if a commission of 10% of every \$30 is to be received.

The SRC, by refusing to participate officially, does not at all prevent the company from advertising in any other recognized way, and does not prevent any individual from, freely and in conscience, deciding for himself. Arguments of the censorship line, and consequently illustrations about disturbing conscientious objection material, are misleading and irrelevant.

The SRC can and does make moral decisions. It should have denounced this tax dodge as dishonest.

The organisation involved, where the SRC takes no responsibility whatsoever for any action against a student by the taxation department, and yet is in a position to benefit financially, is inconsistent with past student organised activities that benefit students.

Finally, a mention of some of the legal risks involved for anybody (not, note, the company)

who becomes an income beneficiary. They are considerable. This is stated after talks with members of the Law and Economics Faculties, and a qualified accountant.

Section 260 of the Income Tax Assessment Act gives wide power to the Taxation Department to strike at any tax evasion, whether attempted directly or indirectly. Obviously, there are legal opinions that may or may not support the use of S. 260 in this way.

Perhaps the main reason that S. 260 has never been applied points to the fact that the taxation authorities have not before faced such a scheme. The government can also introduce new legislation, perhaps even change a regulation, to trap participants.

The Taxation Department may be able to ignore the claim for primary production status, and thus no benefit is gained. There are further doubts, relating to legal liability, which, in an article of this nature, can not be explored.

One plea. If this tax dodging scheme is distributed through the SRC or any other means it is most advisable to consult a lawyer personally (don't rely on anything else) before signing any documents. There are too many legal and financial doubts that can be raised at this stage. It is to be hoped that many of these doubts can be cleared up by the time general students meetings are held.

The SRC has, to date, taken admirable positions in relation to Vietnam conscriptions, Bifara, aborigines and other important social and political issues. To become a primary producer, whether through legal loopholes or not, by the mere paying of a dollar, and signing of a form, is a simple decision as to the worthiness of the SRC as a responsible student body acting morally.

MANOS: FOR

The question that confronted the SRC when informed of the 'primary production status' scheme was really quite simple. But hearing some of the speeches made at the meeting, one would not have thought so.

It seems to me that the relevant criteria were firstly: was the scheme legal, and secondly; would sufficient students be interested for the SRC, as a service to distribute material concerning it. The answer to both was an emphatic 'Yes'; the scheme takes advantage of a legal alternative available under the Income Tax Assessment Act and there is no doubt there are many financially conscious students who would be more than interested in paying less taxation.

Members who opposed distribution of the scheme by the SRC did so mainly on the grounds that it represented an immoral attempt to dodge the payment of taxation.

It is quite proper for the SRC, or any other organisation or individual to pass comment on whether such an alternative should be available under the Income Tax Act and accordingly press the government to make relevant amendments.

But it is most improper for the SRC to act upon that judgment to the extent that it suppresses information on

the matter and consequently removes the right of the individual student to determine his own view of the morality and justice of the issue and proceed accordingly.

To act in such a manner would mean that the SRC is operating as a censor of student ethics. Let us consider also the principle involved in such action by the SRC.

It would run as follows: Whenever the SRC decides that a certain course of action is immoral, it suppresses any attempt to propagate information about it.

Accordingly, if the SRC, in its great wisdom, decided that conscientious objection, a legal alternative under the National Service Act was a completely irresponsible and immoral stand for an individual to take, it would refuse to allow information concerning it to be distributed; it would not duplicate material for a club wishing to inform students of the matter. I am sure that no one would suggest that it was within the province of the SRC to do so. And the reason would be that conscientious objection is a matter of conscience that should properly be decided by the individual; not by a paternalistic council. The instant case of taxation is no different.

It is true that there are risks involved in the scheme. Section 260 of the Income Tax Assessment Act may be applied

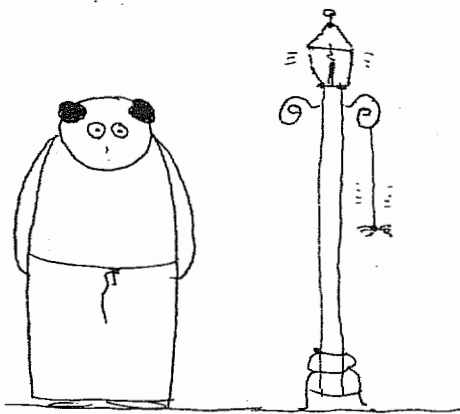
to rule the scheme out of order as an attempt to evade taxation; or the government may enact covering legislation.

I have been exploring the intricacies of the scheme for some months now with lawyers and representatives from the Company, and have undertaken to prepare an addendum to the pamphlet the SRC will distribute, pointing out to students the risks involved.

But the important thing to realize it that participants will be gambling only one dollar (which is donated to charity). They will not be required to pay their \$50 until after they have saved more than that amount of tax. And in case, at no time will participants be held liable for business debts of the trust property or be charged for professional services by the Company.

Finally, any suggestions that involvement in such a scheme by the SRC would jeopardise attempts by student bodies to gain tax concessions for students are without foundation. This scheme is not concerned with students at University, but with graduates who are out working and earning substantial amounts of money. It will provide no relief in the taxing of undergraduates.

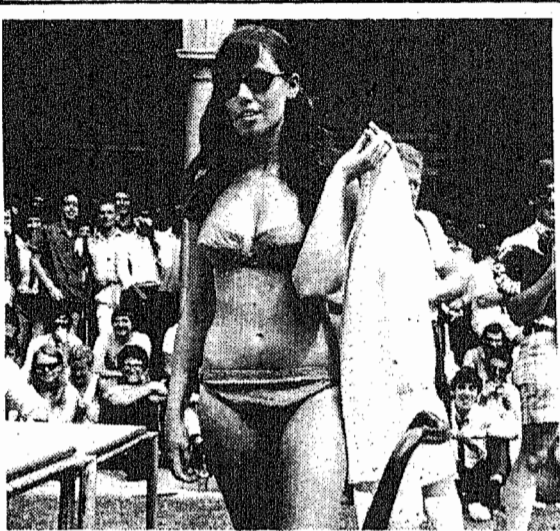
Politicians are more likely to consider the SRC naive if it suppressed the scheme rather than irresponsible for promoting it.



WHEN WE ARE ORDINARY LAYMEN, EVEN, STILL WE MUST GROW — PHYSICALLY AND MENTALLY, AND CONTINUE TO GROW IN THIS FASHION UNTIL WE PERCEIVE THE TRUE PURPOSE OF LIFE !! AS MONKS, WE ARE BETTER EQUIPPED TO DO SO, HAVING WITHDRAWN FROM THE TRAMMELS OF SECULARISM !!

JUST ABOUT TIME FOR A NEW FEMINISM?

AN ON DIT FEATURE
By Warren Osmond



A woman's place is in the home.
Housewives are such dull people.
Aggressive women are emasculating.
You don't have a mind of your own.
Women should go to college and improve their minds.
If you're so smart, why aren't you married?
Working women are unfeminine.
Where would you be without my paycheck?
If you want to make the decisions in this family, go out and earn a paycheck yourself?
If you can't type, you won't be hired.
Why should we promote you or pay you well when you're probably going to leave the job and get married and have kids?
A smart woman never shows her brains.
She always allows the man to think himself clever.
Intelligent women are frightening.
Woman's talk is all chatter.
Women don't understand the things men are interested in.
Don't worry your pretty little head about such matters.
A woman's brain is between her legs.
Women can't make decisions.
Women like to be protected and treated like little girls.
A smart woman plays helpless to bring out a man's protective instinct.
You're as helpless as a child.
Don't develop ugly muscles.
A woman's fulfillment is in serving her children and the man she loves.
It is glorious to be the mother of mankind.
Women are just breeding machines.
A woman's work is never done.
You do nothing all day but sit around and feed your face.
I do all the real work, all you do is cook and clean.
A woman's income is just a frill.
Women spend so much on clothes and make-up.
No-one wants an ugly woman.
An ugly woman is a dog.
It is a woman's duty to make herself attractive.
Beautiful women think only of themselves and they're never smart.
Women are always playing hard to get.
No man likes an easy woman.
Women, like gongs, should be beaten often.
Women are always crying about something.
Women like to be raped.
I can't stand seeing a woman cry.
Women are only interested in trapping some man.
A woman who can't hold a man isn't much of a woman.
Damn women drivers.
Castrator.
Useless Bitch.
Dumb broad.
You can't trust a woman.
Women always lie to men.
Women don't understand the value of a dollar.

Last week we witnessed the grand parade of 25 contestants for "Miss Fresher," known at other universities as "Miss Freshette." Contestants aside, it is time that someone — male or female — began to stick up for women in our society, to stick up for genuine sexual freedom, and debunk the prostitution of sex and personalities which this society demands. Because the 25 girls appeared before a very large predatory mob of orgiastic men, and a smaller number of, I suspect, not-so-orgiastic women, I had to agree that the whole ritual was "Too much!" as one person behind me shouted to one of the contestants.

"Miss Fresher" (as an institution, not the girl herself) is a smaller, local "Miss Universe" or "Miss World" or "Miss Australia." And if our Adelaide variant lacks the snobbery and bowing to political leaders involved in more expensive contests, then that is about all that can be said for it. The basic importance of these events, nevertheless, namely, the social position of women and the uses of sex in our society, is the same whether the contest is for "Miss World" or "Miss Dried Fruits" or "Miss Fresher!"

MISS AMERICA PROTEST

Last September, in Atlantic City, a "Miss America Pageant" was held. And for the first time it was challenged. It was challenged by one of the large number of radical women's groups which have developed in the United States in the 1960's. This report from the radical weekly paper *The Guardian*, gives the spirit of the women's protest:

"... Here she is, Miss America: a symbol of the mindless, docile, subservient sex object that American women are trained to emulate. Members of New York Radical Women were with her — and against her — all day September 7th when commercial entrepreneurs and show-biz ciphers gathered here to choose "your ideal." The pick-

eting contingent scandalised hundreds of George Wallace supporters, drove the cops crazy, and provided a bored press corps with the only fun they had.

"At 2 p.m. 70 women began picketing on the Boardwalk across from the Hall. The cops were super-polite, worried out of their minds that the women would provoke the good people of Atlantic City to fist fights. One look at their pickets and the cops' worst fears were reinforced: MISS AMERICA IS A CATTLE AUCTION — IF YOU WANT MEAT, GO TO THE BUTCHER — MISS AMERICA IS A BIG FALSIE — UPPITY WOMEN, UNITE!

"At 2.15 p.m. the singing started. We will not, we will not be used/We will not, we will not be used/Just like a slave standing on an auction block/We will not be used! ... and ... Aint she sweet, making profit off her meat/Beauty sells she's told, so she's out pluggin' it/Aint she sweet? A pretty girl is a commodity with stock to buy and sell."

"...and anyhow it was just women..."

Later in the demonstration a chant was started: "Atlantic City is a town with class. They raise your morals while they judge your ass." After much heckling and counter-heckling by the crowd, 15 women were arrested, but they considered that they had made their mark. The *Guardian's* writer summed up: "... it was clear that women — women alone — are impossible to deal with. Onlookers all day were uptight. They didn't know how to categorise what they saw. It wouldn't be a political demonstration; the slogans weren't political," and anyhow, it was just women.

What is now known in the New Left in the United States as the "women's liberation movement" is now recognised to be one stream — amongst many — within the general movement of youth and minority groups to fundamentally change American society.

Coexisting with the Black Power groups, the student radicals and revolutionaries, the anti-draft movement, and so on, Woman Power actually grew out of the early civil rights, university and anti-draft campaigns in the 60's. Many of the radical women in fact were activists at Berkeley, and went South with SNCC (The Student Non-violent Coordinating Committee) to organise poor negroes in voter registration, anti-segregation and civil disobedience campaigns.

GROWTH OF FEMALE POWER

The most general women's organisation, with chapters all over the United States is WLF, the Women's Liberation Front. Most of its members are middle and upper-middle class, and therefore well educated. They are not for finding a place for women in the present society; they are not for "equal status with men" because "We don't want to be equal to unfree men" as they would put it.

Marilyn Webb, one of WLF's leaders, explained in the February issue of the radical magazine *Ramparts* last year, that as young activist women moved into the South, and into the civil rights movement there, "... the sexual problems between blacks and whites moved with them..." The assumption of aggressive leadership positions by well-educated white women led to young Negro men trying to take over their positions, and relegate the women to typing, hack-work, coffee-making and other jobs more in line with society's stereotype of ideal womanhood. Also, many women in the draft resistance movement discovered that they were being politically active for others, and were not themselves allowed into the foreground. This is what resulted in rudimentary independent "female organising." The latest in a long line of women's bodies, according to *The Guardian* of November 30 last, is WITCH, the Women's International Terrorist Conspiracy from Hell.

BED MATES

Within organisations like SDS (Students for a Democratic Society) women felt that they were not being listened to when they spoke, and began to ask what revolution was meaning to themselves, if they were just going to be help-mates and bed-mates for male activities. Having rejected the "respectable" life of a short career followed by marriage and motherhood, and turning to political activity for their "liberation," they therefore found themselves betrayed by what they increasingly castigated as "male chauvinism." Seeing themselves, and being seen by others, as mere extensions of their men, they were still dehumanised, and all this in a movement which claimed to be the nucleus of a new and truly humanistic, free, society! Most of the women's groups retain some semi-formal structure of discussion groups within SDS, but a new analysis, borne of greater experience within SDS, is pressing

the more radical women towards fully autonomous activism.

Their analysis goes beyond a criticism of male chauvinism, as they call it, as an explanation for the sort of subtle discrimination which exists in "radical" bodies like SDS; this new analysis discusses the role capitalist America assigns to women as consumers, competitive sex symbols, and as a cheap labor force, and some discussion of how women in allegedly socialist societies have freed themselves from second-rate positions.

GOING IT ALONE

Beverly Jones of Florida SDS, writing late last year, concluded, on the basis of these three points, that radical women should get out of groups like SDS, and organise for women in general.

1 People don't get radicalised (engaged with basic truths) fighting for other people's battles;
2 The females in SDS do not really identify with their sex, and use the language of female power to advance themselves personally within the male power structure;
3 Because radical women, as students, occupy some sexy, sexless limbo area where they receive less discrimination than elsewhere, and because they are generally not married and don't have families, they do not understand the desperate position of women generally.

This sort of tendency towards an all-female organising body isolates those women who feel it is "up to the individual" to find her place in the radical movement, because it argues that women will inevitably be treated badly; therefore, the individual, isolated and unorganised with others, is powerless to change the situation. And it is precisely when women refuse to contemplate the possibility, even, of all-female organising, that the more "liberated" women realise the extent to which female self-hatred, induced and caused by male chauvinism, has gone! Many of them are now arguing that at present, having children is the major form in which men enslave women; therefore... don't have kids.

Clearly, American woman is analogous to Australian woman. To be sure, there are superficial contrasts, such as the lack of equal pay in this country, and a larger number of American women in executive and professional positions, but the general outline remains comparable. Australian girls are subdued by mothers, from their earliest years, into a small number of roles for their future lives: they basically learn to be Mums and dutiful housewives, little more. Favorite games, to this day, amongst young girls, are "Mothers and fathers" and "dressing



WRONG
Model looks uncomfortable — bow of boat is too low for her to lean on — pose throws legs out of line, gives body unnatural, displeasing stance.



RIGHT
Here prop is used to advantage — model stands on tiptoes as she pulls against boat and swings body slightly — in a very pleasing pin-up pose.

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up." The latter ensures that they won't rock the boat in the fashion and cosmetics industries later on.

And women are sexually exploited by men; they become objects for the perusal, selection and "discrimination" of the smart young man. Playboy magazine is perhaps the most representative disseminator of this kind of unfreedom masquerading under the guise of "sexual freedom" and being uninhibited.

ALIENATION OF SEX

The beauty contest is, I contend, sex alienated. To explain this I have to employ the term as used and developed by Marx. "Alienation" to him meant a large number of processes which characterised capitalism. The alienation of man from himself, for instance, means the fragmentation of one single personality into the distinction between "citizen" and "worker" for instance. The alienation of man from man is seen in the relationship or institution of competition, by which men are forced to deny their common interests, and become opponents and enemies. The alienation of man from the product of his labor, for example, indicates that what a man produces is produced for the benefit of someone else, and he therefore has no control over its value and use. And so on.

In the "beauty contest," alienation is multiple. Men are alienated from women, in this manner: through glorifying one or a number of "ideal" women (physically defined), they are substituting this relationship for real sexual and emotional encounters with women, in which honesty and dishonesty, love and hatred etc., coexist, and conflict in varying degrees of neurotic behaviour. Not only is this glorification a vicarious experience, sex disembodied (phoney, that is) but being an idealisation of human personality it will clash with reality, (with the girl friend who most likely will not be a beauty queen!), and create countless hangups, guilt and dissatisfaction, stated and unstated.

In the adulation of a beauty queen, women themselves are alienated from their own sexuality. That is, to the extent that they accept or approve of what is going on around them, they are preventing themselves from a creative, progressively freer, less neurotic, less dependent style of sexual and emotional living. They are acceding to an inferior position in which their role is defined for them, and this very relationship of "forced behaviour" creates great unhappiness. That inferior position to men constantly asserts itself as a barrier to happiness, as something hostile and destructive. It creates, above all, frustration and tension which has to be repressed. The woman in a submissive role, belongs to someone else, becomes a form of property, a possession, and the more she is treated like an object, the less she is human.

Again, in another sense, by collectively participating in the beauty contest, both men and women are limiting and destroying their capacities, instincts and drives in what might be called a homosexual direction.

"On Dit's" Golden Peanut of the Week award goes to our very own Max Harris. You remember him — given to horrifying local television critics ("The News", last week) by making disparaging comments about the cosmopolitan nature of his own State on Newsbeat.

In a reaction against Pfitzner's reported comment on happenings involving T.C. students and the constabulary in Adelaide lately, that when people in conscience break "properly, though possibly unwisely, constituted" laws, "the doorstep of anarchy has been reached", Harris is preparing to break the laws of the State of South Australia.

As a bookseller, he is collecting the worst and most vicious of nazi ideology, documents of the Stalinist era outlining plans for the elimination of the kulacks and other classes, and a range from the more esoteric religions, including the Church of Scientology, containing their special kind of anti-social propaganda.

The Attorney-General is to be informed. Presumably the 'Thought Police' will feel themselves obliged to raid Mary Martin and confiscate the Scientology blurb, while leaving the far more horrifying stuff, promoting violence, genocide, intolerance and social ruthlessness, for popular sale.

As an exercise to point out how absurd it is to prohibit the Scientology garble while the other can be sold legitimately, the plan is an exceptionally neat one. The point that Harris makes, that it is "legislators themselves who reach the 'doorstep of anarchy' by attempting to make ideas illegal" is a telling one.

It was good to see Katharine Brisbane keeping the issue of the management of the South Australian Theatre Company alive in Saturday's "Australian". While the Company is being subsidised by grants from the Australian Council, there are plans afoot to make it into a private concern. And that way disappear without a trace all hope of ever finding out quite who is doing what with public monies, let alone the possibility of getting it to work healthily again.

Whatever the masses thought of the Commencement Ball last Friday, they really dipped out on the most brilliant gathering of the year. Time was midnight, place,

the S.R.C. Executive Office. Present was the Executive (minus the Treasurer, whose wont it is to get the whole carry-on in general, in or out of official S.R.C. time slots, a royal miss), the Freshers Camp Directors, half of "On Dit" (not bad, as P.R. moves go), and a couple of back benchers, looking charmingly smooth and, well, groomed almost. Consummately proper, the whole thing. And outside, the dance went on.

It has been relatively widely noted that Adelaide seems to have a Chicken Man of its own. Quite amazing the extent to which your enterprising S.R.C. man can make his presence felt. From Freshers' Camp to the Newman Welcome, your Concessions Officer is everywhere. It can't all be pleasure. Such conscientious efforts on the masses' behalf ought to be rewarded somehow.

Whatever quarrel there may be with the University as far as administration or curricula go, there can be no doubt that the Department of Music is at present a most progressive one in its thinking.

The word is that under the guidance of Peter Tahourdin, there will be set up courses in the study of electronic music, covering its history, composition and creation.

Such an acknowledgment of the fact that electronic music has come to incorporate the traditional forms, and that this is perhaps the major direction in which the moderns are heading, is a radical step for a Conservatorium of music.

The University cannot come close to affording to pay for the complex equipment need for such studies, and is very much indebted to Derek Jolly, who has agreed to make available for the University's use his studio, recently fitted with imported electronic composition — performance equipment.

Announcement of this arrangement will be made public next Friday.

Robert Aimsworth Tillett, formerly of Flinders University, has been very severely penalised for what seems to be a rather minor offence.

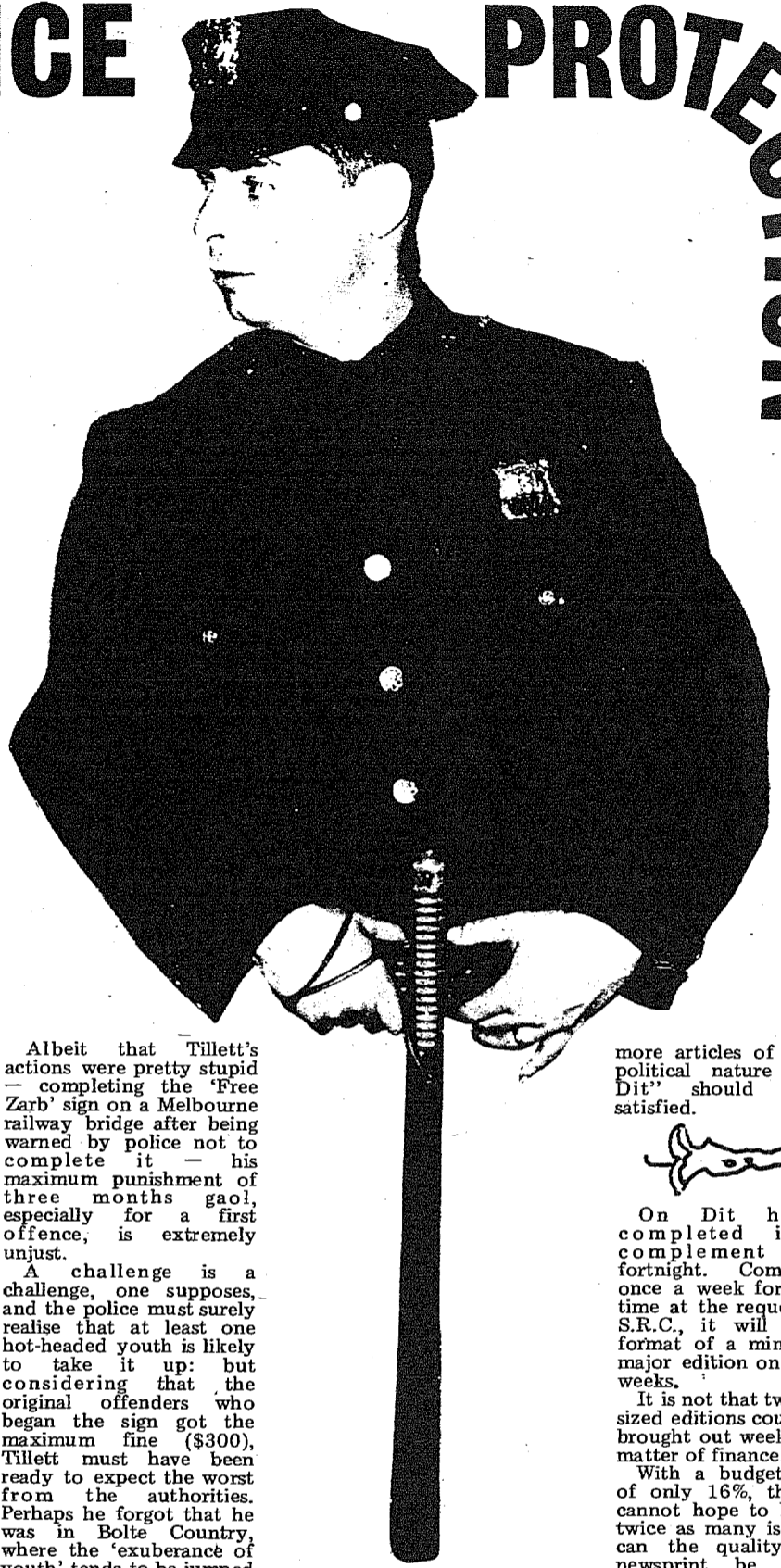


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POLICE

PROTECTION



Albeit that Tillett's actions were pretty stupid — completing the 'Free Zarb' sign on a Melbourne railway bridge after being warned by police not to complete it — his maximum punishment of three months gaol, especially for a first offence, is extremely unjust.

A challenge is a challenge, one supposes, and the police must surely realise that at least one hot-headed youth is likely to take it up: but considering that the original offenders who began the sign got the maximum fine (\$300), Tillett must have been ready to expect the worst from the authorities. Perhaps he forgot that he was in Bolte Country, where the 'exuberance of youth' tends to be jumped on heavily, rather than ignored.

Tillett has appealed against the sentence and was released on bail.

It is with completely unjustifiable smugness on our part that "On Dit" welcomes the addition of

more articles of a socio-political nature in "On Dit" should not be satisfied.

On Dit has now completed its full complement for a fortnight. Coming out once a week for the first time at the request of the S.R.C., it will follow a format of a minor and a major edition on alternate weeks.

It is not that two regular sized editions could not be brought out weekly: it is a matter of finance.

With a budget increase of only 16%, the S.R.C. cannot hope to bring out twice as many issues. Nor can the quality of the newsprint be improved upon unless more finances are forthcoming.

Indeed, until the whole situation of a University newspaper is reviewed, a paid Editor employed, and such absolute necessities as a direct-line phone installed (it must be the only weekly with 7,000 circulation that does not have a phone of its own) On Dit must continue to battle along under the most adverse conditions

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GANGRENE

powder covered with boracic lint or cyanide gauze, cotton wool and a bandage constitute an effective dressing to inhibit the spread of Gangrene, but when the condition is more severe, amputation is the only remedy. ("The Illustrated Family Doctor" by a GP, GB. 1935, available at the W.E.A. in late October).

Thus, Gangrene heads this particular column. Further, it has been noted that the term "Gangrene" could be more generally applied to cover the entire field of student journalism.

The name was chosen with the same inimitable care as was "Greenfingers" in 'ON DIT' 1967. G. J. Searle (B.A.) the then Arts editor, when asked to devise the name for a new column (covering film, theatre, art displays etc), with a Wildean flourish snorted, "Call it Greenfingers or something."

So two years ago 'ON DIT' featured a misinformed, miscounselling and altogether misbegotten series known as 'Greenfingers', which is the immediate predecessor of "Gangrene '69."

The two year old canker has not improved, nor has the discretion of the editors.

"Gangrene" is firstly a pseudo-cultural, quasi-intellectual series with a general, rather than a specific, approach. What

Professor Julius Sumner Miller is to physics, Gangrene will be to the arts.

It is definitely classification 'G' entertainment, designed to delight and instruct whilst offending no one, not even "the youngest member."

Gangrene will concentrate on films shown by Cinema '69, the Uni. Film Society, the "Capri", the "Village Cinema", the History and Politics society, the May Film Festival, the Intersociety Arts Festival, and those on the commercial circuit which warrant crits.

Theatre productions reviewed will range from the send-em-home-happy variety to the type of underground work done in "Rites - Underground", which was performed by AUDS at Theatre '62 in December last year.

The Holocaust group at Goodwood, led by ex "La Mama" member, Margo Nash, hope to perform underground theatre which combines the influences of Stanislavski, Artaud, Brecht and the mild revolutionary doctrine of the Living Theatre.

Another group which deserves a mention is the new, improved, University Dramatic Society, known as AUDS or ACT (Adelaide Campus Theatre).

The very impressive programme of this group includes three series of workshops,

productions of "Bartholomew Fair", "Prometheus Bound", "Sapho and Phao", a performance of Brecht's songs and poetry, as well as numerous playreadings and "experimental" productions.

Adelaide University Literary Society (AULS) will offer a scoop in a world premiere of a play written by Richard Madeleine, recent graduate in Honours English, at present of the English Department.

Art displays, books, happenings, records and food shall all be dealt with by the talents of the gangrenous correspondent.

In the area of food, a topic close to the student stomach is the Refec. This is a jerry-built, medieval banquet-hall, which serves as a conversation piece rather than as an eating-house.

The main objections to the refectory are the far from convivial surroundings plus the quality and quantity of both food and service.

All descriptions of these fall short, for they are phenomena which must be experienced. Surly serving wenches, clutching little, black wettext and an equally tempestuous lady on the cash register who hurls change like a defeated gambler, go to prove that it's not much fun for anybody.

No mass boycott of the refec has been organized yet, and it appears that most students are willing to put up with the present conditions until the refec in the new union buildings is operating, or at least until the new Asian food and grill bar is opened.

The "Asian food" served at present explains explicitly why these countries remain underdeveloped. During the next millenium things are expected to improve, though the present innovations and renovations are not very helpful.

Don't be fooled. Happiness is not merely a warm gun, bouncy, new, blue plastic chairs, yards of stainless steel and gold coast lighting. The food hasn't changed. It's the same as last year.

Things may be comparatively quiet in the refec at the present time. Yet, in a couple of weeks time, the queue outside the servery at 6.00 p.m. will be reminiscent of the Israelites standing apprehensively before the Red Sea, waiting for Moses to do his thing.

In our case, the manna is polluted, and the Promised Land is canary yellow.

NEXT WEEK: Gangrene will direct you to more lush, more hospitable and more fruitful pastures, beginning with the Adelaide University Staff Club.

Mike Jones (student of Sydney Uni) was arrested during the anti-National Service demonstration in Sydney on Friday March 7. He has been sentenced to gaol for 105 days over charges arising regarding his conscientious objection to National Service.

Mike acted according to his conscience; he had the courage of his convictions to make a stand. For this he faces possibly 3 years gaol (2 years under National Service Act, 1 year under Crimes Act).

Write

Under the present anachronistic penal code in N.S.W., he is allowed only one personal visitor a month; he will be subject to Warders and prisoners' unsympathetic to students and among whom forced homosexuality is rife.

All that is asked, whether you believe in his objections to National Service or not is to write brief letters to him, for if there are no breaks in the monotony of this archaic penal system the will of a person prepared to sacrifice himself for his beliefs may be broken. Write to: Mr. Mike Jones, C/o Miss Laurie Porkes, 102 Sheppard Street, Chipendale 2008. N.S.W.

Sandra Nelson, hermaphroditism, prostitution, black mass, sadism, incest, Quibb's Syndrome, homosexuality, drug addiction, transvestitism, the pox, narcissism, fetishism, bisexuality, exhibitionism, pornography, student promiscuity; these and other topics shall not be dealt with in "Gangrene."

Firstly, one does not wish to be confronted by such things whenever one reads a newspaper, goes to the theatre or sees a film, since one gets them all at home. (Thanks to P. Cook and D. Moore for the preceding plagiarism).

Gangrene is not intended to be a deflated "Breast of the Times." Secondly, the Gangrene correspondent denies having first hand knowledge of one or any of the above topics, and to write from this unenlightened position would produce an article on the same par as the majority of others in the past featured in "ON DIT."

In the tradition of the old maxim - Things liked by the mass of the population must by necessity be inferior, "Gangrene" is produced for the elite; the fanatic fringe who delight in the flux of the norm.

THEN WHAT IS GANGRENE? Dead tissue. Such as is caused by violent crushing, burns, frost bite, or wounding of the main blood vessels to a part cutting off its supply.

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If arteries to the fingers, toes or portions of appendages are deprived of blood, they may die.

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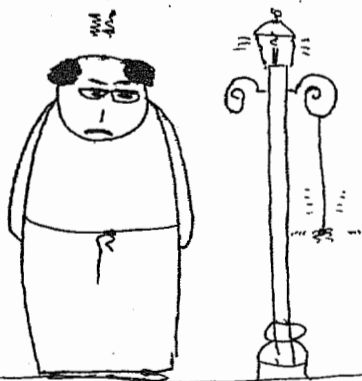
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ON DIT REVIEWS

The Barbitos Syndrome

Chris Polnitz, general editor of Barbitos, writes for "On Dit" on the Undergraduate Creative Urge.

A new subversion is cantering through the Australian campus. Increasing numbers of students are on the write.

They are writing. While the movement doesn't pivot attention, like more overt revelations of revolution, its results will be more insidious and lasting.

The writer is forever subverting the linguistic status quo, putting words as they have never been put before. And, since words hold thought-content in much the same way as a leaky basket holds water, in time, perhaps involuntarily, the writer finds himself subverting the intellectual status quo.

Subversion

More than the nasties who bend spoons in the Refec., the S.D.A., or the stirrers who set up resonances in the Uni. foot-bridge, the poet is a subversive. As such, Society will cast him from her bosom.

However, she is like to find, to her annoyance, that he has already cast

himself, and is setting up to cast the first stone. Writers do disgust with society because society is disgusting; and also because it has never done anything for them. — Then mark what ills the scholar's life assail; Toil, envy, want, the patron, and the gaol.

Writers starve, but more importantly they starve without an audience. Writers live because they crowd-please.

There can be no satisfactory outlet for a truly creative talent. It is part of creative communication that fallen man never catches up with what is created.

Pests

Today poets choose to be part-time artists, and spend their part-time pestering friends with manuscripts, longing to be understood, but positive they can't be; begging for help and refusing criticism.

But poets are increasing in number. Why be in on all this trouble. Perhaps because, with the twenty year apprenticeship to metre and rhyme abolished, the poetry has become emotionally functional. People write in the heat of the moment for catharsis, or later on to resolve or crystallize what has baffled them.

Writing is ideal auto-psycho-analysis.

It is also hanging yourself up on a new obsession.

The temptations are too great for many. Nowadays anyone who can string two words together has claim to be a poet. I mean this literally; theoretically and practically.

Healey

Take John Healey's poem: from two words:

Dust
Dust-love
Love-dust
— Love dust, love.
— Love dust-love, love.
— Love love-dust, love.
Love

Healey claims: "One word is reality; two are art. I'm getting around to prefer one".

I agree two words can be art, or one pun. Writing poetry, then, seems easy. After two or three emotional blow-outs on paper, the writer will gain some skill, followed shortly by pride in workmanship, followed shortly by hopeless addiction to poetry itself. Good poetry embraces all these stages.

Frustration

Thenceforward, like ay homosexual, psychopath, criminal genius or bedwetter, the poetry addict is doomed to a life of frustration. All that can be done for him is to provide decent, but to him, inherently frustrating, outlets for his passion.

For many years the prudence of the A.U. Literary Society has furnished the Creative Writing Group, where poems may be submitted anonymously, and critical help is given in an informal forum of writers and critics.

This year the Society has charitably provided a further outlet: a periodical for students' poetry to be called BARBITOS*

*BARBITOS, from the Greek, and adopted by Horace, means "lute" or "lyre", or particularly "an exotic foreign instrument". In one poem Horace invokes his BARBITOS like a Muse.

The name is chosen to suggest poetry for its own sake.

Contributions are urgently solicited; as many as you would like published. Send them to, or leave them at, the English Dept. Office, Floor 6, Napier Building. BARBITOS will appear every four weeks and, the editors hope, will be widely bought.

Look into it — like Marat Sade.

TWO POEMS

At The Foot Of Mount Feathertop

Like a band of village serfs we huddle together, knowing that our shelter and rest is the awaiting of an audience. The next day we go on, and to high places too; so we tether our apprehensions and we jest and eat and loudly relax in our warming delay.

The journey was quite a long one and now we are most happy to abide by the arrival of late afternoon.

The hut rattles with the rain and hail outside and evening approaches very soon.

Soups and vegetables heat and simmer over the fire.

Figures crowd around for warmth, briefly come and go through the shaky door.

Some search the floor for a spot left to sleep the night on, when the talk at last begins to tire.

That will be a while yet.

The outlines laugh and speak, and laugh some more.

Dark bodies lean back on sleeping bags.

The noise on the roof gently pulsates with heart beat and sunset lengthens and lags.

Without notice, day and night stop and softly meet.

"What will the noble lady look like from her lofty position, and what shall we say?"

In this final time of no-decision

our vagrant thoughts wander onwards to the coming day.

"It Was The lady Marjory..."

It was the Lady Marjory
That I did call to see
With virgin blush and eyes cast down
She gaily greeted me.

"What news have you to bring to us?"
She cried in gentle mirth.
"The Bosphorus in golden clime
is crawling down your shirt!"

"Anon, Anon good maid" I cried
Forsooth I straightly spake
And told a tale so full of woe
It made my poor heart quake . . .

"I went in search of elephants
Upon the tattered lea
I searched and searched
And searched and searched
But ne'er a one did see".

Alan Griffiths.

Commencement Happenings

A semi-mesmerised crowd of 'commemers' were taken unawares by Elizabeth Dalman and two of her troupe in the upstairs refectory last Friday night. A lyrical and perhaps over-stylised beginning was greeted with the usual predictable, smart comments, but when Dalman appeared the mood changed instantly.

Her dance was exciting and gave the impression of great strength and vitality, which seemed to convert even the most apathetic.

An overheard interchange, "What's that? Jazz ballet?" "I don't know, but it's great."

With the addition of strobe lighting and a dominance-struggle between Dalman and her partner, a well established strength figure, the performance was skilfully manipulated to dissolve into audience participation.

At this point the throng seemed ready for almost anything to be sprung upon them.

However they appeared to be a little stunned by the "Holocaust" group's offering.

"Holocaust," which was (like the Phoenix) born from the ashes of the "Rites — Underground" group, presented an example of guerilla theatre. In format, this was somewhat derivative of the "Celebrations" section of the "Rites" program.

As a theme the group selected the idea of victimisation and attempted destruction of the individual by society. On this occasion their example was that of their own recent, personal martyr, Robert Ainsworth Tillett.

For those who are unfamiliar with guerilla theatre tactics, the idea is to appear from amongst a crowd, make a point as strongly and as rapidly as possible, and disappear even more rapidly. The criticism was that the event was perhaps a little too rapid so that the point might have escaped the slightly befuddled minds of many onlookers.

Valley of the Dolls

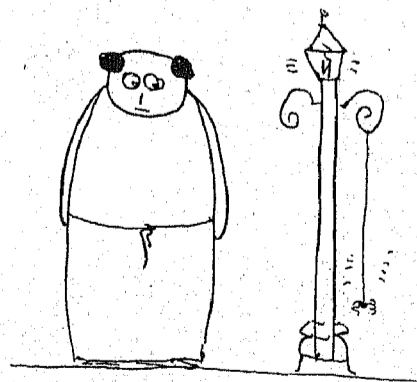
Regent Theatre, starring Barbara Perkins, Patty Duke, Paul Burke, Susan Hayward.
Prices: \$1.05, \$1.65 (afternoon) \$1.35, \$2 (evening).

Valley is a smooth production dealing superficially with the impact of big U.S.A. Show Business on the lives of various characters, and the insidious influence of pep pills, boosters etc. (i.e. "dolls").

The acting is competent, good in the case of Patty Duke, and production is cool, uninvolved and unoriginal. There are some nice scenes (color), no sex, and little immediate impact.

Better films are around if you have to make a choice.

G. J. Searle



AS MONKS WE HAVE LEARNED
TO CONTROL THE EMOTIONS
NURTURED BY THIS SOCIETY, WE
ARE, SPIRITUALLY SPEAKING, WELL
ADVANCED, AS FAMS SPIDER MUST
SURELY BE LATER IN HIS LIFE—
INDEED, AS ALL LIVING
CREATIVES MUST BE!

ON DIT SPORTS PAGE

WATERSKIING

The women do their thing at the Intervarsity

The 1969 Water-skiing Intervarsity was held during February on the Barwon River, Geelong. Adelaide's team of six blokes and five birds joined thirty five competitors from five teams to fight for two trophies which Adelaide has retained for a number of years.

In typical Intervarsity fashion the competition was run in poor weather. Monday and Tuesday were set aside as practice days but seemed merely an excuse for numerous social activities. Over vast quantities of claret and hamburgers, Melbourne extended a welcome to all in the Barwon sand dunes on the first night.

SCORING SIGNIFICANTLY

The competition began smoothly in rough weather with the Women's Tricks.

Champion Sue Mayall Melbourne's star skier carried off the tricks as and one-time Australian well as coming second in Champion distinguished the slalom. Credit must be himself. He caused the given to Mary Potter and boat to lose a propellor Anne Lillecrapp who with his savage slalom scored significantly for the cuts, and set the jump team after only a few days adrift after a violent leap on competition skis.

The women's team did their thing by winning with 4,262 points over Melbourne's 3,474. Sue Mayall and Jo Martin did their thing by coming first and second overall in the competition.

The tables were turned with the Men's team. Melbourne won with 7,406 points, Adelaide's 5,429 points placing them second.

Though Melbourne sabotaged the men's team with irresistible birds and a keg in the Adelaide flat on the eve of the competition. Robert Freeman and Garry Faeshe finished third and fourth in the men's overall effort, with president Brookman sixth and John Angove eighth.

The official dinner at the Collendena Country Club was followed by an all-night wind-up turn in the Adelaide and Melbourne flats, which was more appropriate as a final than the rather formal dinner earlier.



Orientation Week

The Patawalonga was hired every afternoon during Orientation Week and vast numbers of Freshers and other new members jumped at the chance of free tuition in both general and competition skiing.

Few tried ski-jumping, but many spectacular prangs were staged by the more experienced skiers as they practiced hard (too hard perhaps) for the Adelaide Club Championships on

Saturday March 15th. Tony Brookman, having written off the brand new jump skis a fortnight ago, almost succeeded in ruining the new pair with the help of Jo Martin.

A good Easter is in store for those fortunate members who are joining the notorious Melbourne and Monash clubs for a weekend on the Morgan sandbar, but others who missed out this time can be sure that many more weekends on the Murray will be organised this year.

SCIENTIFIC SPORT

The Adelaide University Scientific Skindiving Club is a group of divers who, dedicated to the sport, dive most weekends in the cause of science. This does not mean you have to be a scientist, however. The club collects algae and anything of general interest or individual curiosity.

Members organise meetings every fortnight. New members are trained, and the club also makes wetsuits. Occasionally they make a trek to some out-of-the-way spot like

the toe of Yorke Peninsula and have a 'mighty good time' — the rest of the time they are completely exhausted from their regular scientific-orientated diving.

If you wish to become a fanatical, dedicated, exhausted, scientific diver, leave a note in the Skindiving Club pigeon-hole at the Sports Office or phone Helen Kald at 65 1015. The notice boards will carry warnings of further activities like wreck-diving and underwater photography.

BASKETBALL

TENNIS

After a successful winter season, which culminated in a challenge for a District berth, most teams have continued their winning ways and at present five teams are in the final four of their respective grades. Undeterred by their loss in the District challenge, the A's have kept up the pressure and are currently a comfortable second in Metro A Grade.

State player Don Shipway has charge of the team. Enthusiasm is high and sights are set on another challenge this winter. The C and D teams also have extremely good chances of taking premierships.

The girls' teams are faring well. With the summer season almost over, the top girls' team, coached by State representative Glenn Marsland, is undefeated after being promoted to Division III at Forestville for the summer. It should soon be promoted further.

Tournament

Over the New Year Holiday, three University teams went to Swan Hill to play in a locally-organised tournament.

The standard of the tournament was such that, despite the inclusion of Shipway and Marsland, the A team could not win a game. They came up against Victorian and N.S.W. teams which were almost capable of representing their State. The experience gained was invaluable and the Basketball club will be sending another strong contingent to play in the Mildura Tournament at Easter.

Newcomers are invited to the Freshers' Welcome to be held at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday March 19 in the Lady Symon Hall. Girls are especially welcome. Films will be shown and refreshments provided.

The Men's A Drive team looks like making the finals, being in fourth place at present with two minor round matches to play.

Whether they hold this place will depend on how they play without Peter Oatey, who is playing football trials. Oatey's absence will create quite a gap in the team. However, he will be available for the first semi-final if they make it.

The team has consisted of Peter Oatey, Ian Bidmeade (captain) David Middleton, Peter Muggleton, Robert Fowler and Brian Daniels, with reserves Geoff Roberts, Tony Abbott and Dennis Dall.

The Tennis Club is having their annual end-of-season dinner at the Morphet Arms on Saturday, March 22. Tickets, at only \$2.25 a head, are available at the SRC Office.

FAIR GAME

NOT SO ROSY

Just how good is Lionel Rose, our world champion bantam-weight boxer? After seeing his fight with Alan Rudkin, one needs to be a super-optimist to believe what we are told.

Rose fought well to beat Fighting Harada to win the title. In his first defence against Sakauri he came back well after being knocked down early. But, listening to an unbiased commentator in the fight against Castillo, it seemed Rose was very lucky to win on a split decision, again after being knocked down. Against Rudkin, who is not ranked higher than No. 4 in the world, Rose again fell in on another split decision (and judge Ray Mitchell's decision of Rose by 75-60 was farcical for any who saw the fight).

Rose may be the champion but when will he show he has earned it by winning convincingly against the No. 1 challenger? The future is not as rosy as the past.



ALAN BRADSHAW

Completing a second year of a Ph.D in Computing Science, Alan Bradshaw, unbeaten over 100 metres in Adelaide, is having his best season in an impressive career. Last week he kept his record intact by beating Peter Norman, 200 metre Mexico Olympics silver medallist.

Coached by John Daly, Alan gained his Blue in 1966 and has best times of 10.5 in the 100 metres and 21.1 in the 200. He also holds State records in the Junior and Sub-Junior Long Jump.

He won the 1969 State 100 metres title in January (his second senior title) and the 200 yards (before South Australia changed to metric measure) in 1965. Having won many Junior and Sub-Junior State Titles, he considers wins in the 100 and 200 yards at the Australian Junior Championships in 1965 his greatest triumphs.

Training four nights a week during the season, Alan keeps fit in winter playing with the University District Hockey team as well as doing weight training.

ON DIT wishes Alan the very best for the coming National Championships in Melbourne.

Alan Bradshaw is the first to become eligible for the ON DIT SPORTSMAN OF THE YEAR award. He will be presented with a small token courtesy ON DIT in recognition of his services to sport in the University.

"Do we really live in a free society?"

In our society, all behaviour is prescribed, whether by custom or by law. All students in their final years at school are aware of the many restrictions imposed upon them by society, and resent the manifestations of these restrictions, which they experience at first hand.

All students are aware of the restrictions imposed by those in authority at school. Rules and regulations in dress, speech and activity are familiar to all of us.

Education



But while most of us dislike these rules made "up above", there is little hope of getting them changed or even of publicizing our dislike of them.

So begins the document which has caused so many murmurs of concern from adults involved with high school education.

It is "Student Underground", distributed by the Student Underground Committee (S.U.C.).

Copies of "Student Underground" which is merely a small broadsheet, tastefully illustrated with a cartoon of a corpulent family hoeing into a large chicken dinner while beneath their floorboards, the bones of what appear to be American Indians lie mouldering, first made their appearance in several Metropolitan High Schools during the first week of term. The reaction from the supposedly defamed members of the "up-above" set was nil.

This was probably because forewarned was forearmed, and possibly because administrators trusted the essential common sense and conservatism of high school students, and decided that it wouldn't

concern them much anyway. Apparently this has been the case.

The first official hint that the "Student Underground Movement" even existed was a small report in "The Advertiser" on March 12th; "Subversive underground activities aimed at breaking down the secondary school system were being watched closely by the authorities, the Minister of Education (Mrs. Steele) said yesterday. These subversive students activities had spread to South Australia this year from other states, Mrs. Steele said. "Its instigators are preaching anarchy, not reform," she said.

In a televised interview Mrs. Steele admitted that she was taking the affair very seriously. However, after speaking with several high school students in widely distributed areas, I feel that there is little cause for parents, teachers or administrators to fear that there is any danger of interference with the present school system.

The policy of allowing students to make their own evaluation seems to have paid off, as the only unpleasant incident that can to date be traced to the influence of "Student Underground" was the childish gesture of daubing swastikas and slogans on the walls of Norwood High School.

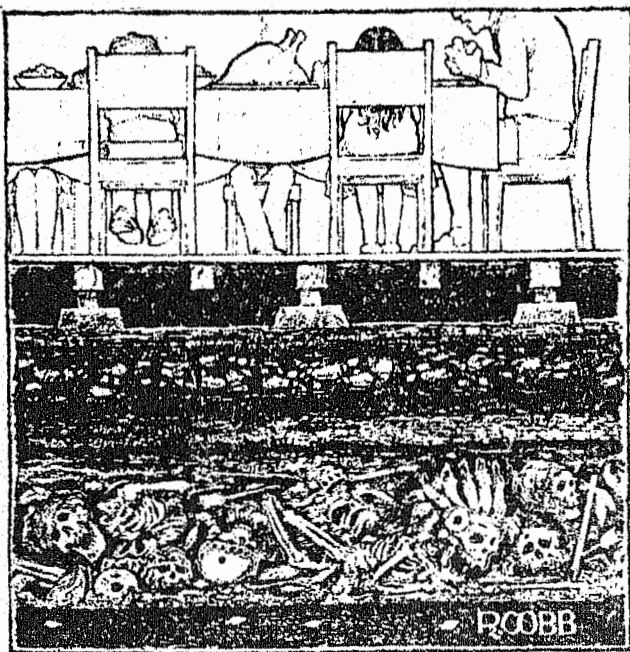
The consensus is, however, that this was definitely, not the work of any radical student, but the work of non-student vandals.

The only happy outcome of a slightly hysterical mess appears to be the beginning of a student newspaper, "Viewpoint", at one high school. This paper is independent of S.U.C. and the school staff. The editors are matriculation students, and they have invited both staff and students to contribute.

If high school students really feel that our secondary school system is in need of reform and are prepared to do something constructive about it, then they should enlist the aid of their teachers and headmasters.

In this way, they may possibly get some valid results. However, student underground movements with faceless leaders lack the sources and immediate knowledge of the situation to achieve anything more useful than chaos.

"UNDERGROUND" may be the 'in' word this year, but education reform is a cause worthy enough to stand the light of day.



MANOS FOR THE DEFENCE

I am, it appears, a traitor to the student cause; a lackey of the oppressive administration, and fellow conspirator with the Vice Chancellor in a deep and secret plot to repress the students of Adelaide University.

But, fear not; S.D.A. is here to protect your interests.

To use the words of the latest issue of "Grass Roots" "Let's hold it there."

BETRAYAL

This edition, headed "The Infamous Manos-Badger Betrayal", has accused me, the S.R.C., and the University Administration of betraying the student interest, and attempting to repress the right of students at this University to make an adequate representation on the reforms to the University Act.

These criticisms are serious, even though somewhat hysterical, and based on a distortion of the facts, either deliberate, or as a result of ignorance.

The history of this S.D.A. styled "Infamous Betrayal" is that about July last year, the S.R.C., along with other bodies in the University like the Staff Association and Union, was requested to make a submission to the committee established to review the University Act.

STUDENT SUBMISSIONS

The then President, Mark Pickhaver, decided that this matter should be considered by the student body. Accordingly, submissions were called for from students.

Four were received, and put to a general student meeting. Despite much valuable discussion, no consensus could be reached, and it was resolved to request the University Committee to postpone its proceedings.

I conveyed this resolution to the Vice-Chancellor, and the committee, which was originally meant to meet in October, eventually met in February of this year.

COMMITTEE

I was asked to appear before the committee, and not-with-standing the G.S.M. resolution, I considered that it would be cutting off one's nose to spite one's face not to do so. It was obviously in the student interest that some representation be made to the committee at that time.

Accordingly, I explained the history of this matter in the student body, and pointed out that not enough time had been available for a consensus to be reached. I also put before the committee the four student submissions,

as an indication of student feeling to date, but explained that they strictly represented only the opinions of the individuals responsible for them.

DRAFT ACT

I was aware at that time, that a draft Act would be distributed for reconsideration at a future date, and thus the whole matter could again be put before students.

I was concerned at all times, that the new Act should not become an example of "backroom decision-making".

The accusation that I "collaborated throughout the vacation with the Vice-Chancellor in preparing the draft revision of the Act" is obviously the figment of an overly fecund imagination. At no stage during the Vacation did I discuss details of the new Act with the Vice-Chancellor, let alone "collaborate" with him in its preparation.

THE SRC

I reported my actions to a subsequent meeting of the SRC, and conveyed also my feelings that a general student meeting should be held as soon as the draft Act became available.

The SRC received a copy of the draft Act last Friday. On Monday, I gave notice in "Bread and Circuses" of a general student meeting to be held on Friday, and made provision for relevant sections of the Act to be printed and distributed to students. I anticipated that this meeting would decide whether it was satisfied with the new Act, or required more time to consider the issues involved.

In this matter, therefore, the SDA petition to the SRC for a general student meeting on Friday was very much behind the times. And Friday was chosen as the date, not because the calling of this meeting was a response to the petition, rather it was the only day that the Union Hall was available.

I consider that my actions have been completely in the student interest. Were this not an important issue, SDA's accusations could be ignored.

DISTORTION

However, it is important that this issue should be treated in a careful and intelligent manner, and not be clouded by the attempt of a very small minority of students to make political capital by deliberate or accidental distortive exaggeration and mis-statement of the facts. STOP PRESS: Current rumor has it that SDA's reliable executive informer has recanted.

The nightly parties? They were reasonable. Average between five and six hours' sleep a night for ten days? - O.K. for that length of time but couldn't do it for much longer.

And the ten to fifteen hour council sessions with Uni students from all over Australia present? - well that's the reason for the parties! Mix it all up, stir, and you come out with something that looks like the February Council of the National Union of Australian University Students.

For what purpose then these ten days, with their incredible amount of written reports, written ideas and junk, and their one hundred and twenty Uni students?

It was to define specific projects and ideals in the areas of action of the National Union (such as Abschol, Cultural Affairs, Travel, etc) by the processes of debate, conversation and the sheer interaction of people working on a common problem.

This was done. The major concept that came out of Council was an impression that Australian students are on the move towards a greater and deeper social commitment to the community than ever before. Social action, no more Abschol work camps, the village scheme in Papua New Guinea are all expressions of this concept.

In the past, students have seen areas of need (such as bad living conditions amongst aborigines) and have basically tried to change the physical environment in these areas on a short term basis (build a house). In effect it was direct charity from students.

Even where the aim was to change not only the physical conditions but the ideas and minds of the people concerned, it was normally only the minds of the students that were altered.

It has now been recognised that charity is often psychologically unacceptable. That the greater mass of students is one of transient beings who are not experts and yet are in constant contact with experts, and that therefore students should not be a group that go out and "do" things.

The direction of student involvement in the community has been changed to one of trying to establish contact in all cases at the personal level, to work with groups that are already in existence and to act as a contact and motivating group.

In Abschol, efforts are being made to widen the aborigines concept of

TEN DAYS

meaningful political action; for this, personal contact is essential. In slum areas (social action), the aim is to create a feeling of group identity on the social and economic problems involved, so that future action on these problems may come from the people themselves.

In Papua New Guinea, there are great cultural differences between the indigenes and Australians. At the invitation of students from the University of Papua New Guinea, Australian students live with them during the long vacation in an attempt to establish some form of contact (the

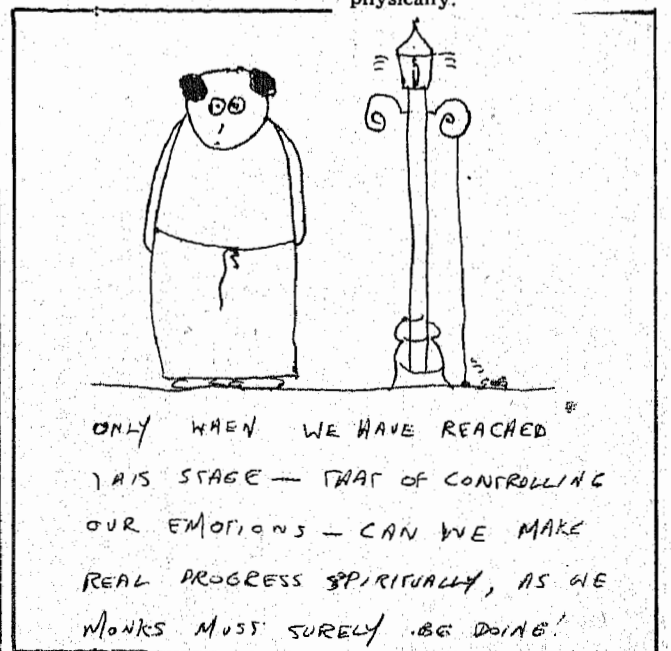
village scheme).

Details on local activities in these fields will be available during the year. It must be remembered that these ideas are for projects that will evolve over time, and imply a long-term commitment to the community.

So much for new trends. In addition, NUAUS produced its normal basketfull of goodies at council. The National Union provides the cheapest overseas travel schemes available to students in Australia. New travel schemes under consideration this year are ones to South Africa and China. The NUAUS Friendly Society is establishing pharmacies in some University Unions which provide discounts of 15% on nearly all items. The Friendly Society's medical benefits scheme should also be launched this year. For those students concerned with their own welfare, submissions have been prepared for the Federal Government on student housing (based on a nationwide survey), tax deductions for students, and on present inequities in the Commonwealth Scholarship Scheme.

In both Education, and Abschol, national political campaigns were planned at council in this, an election year. These campaigns will involve all students and local details about them will be appearing soon. Perhaps the most important, and yet most intangible thing that NUAUS provides, is the cross fertilisation of student ideas and activities around Australia which enables the depth and breadth of student action in each University to be increased. This complete interaction between Universities was especially in evidence at Council. All this and more at February Council, ten days that were really just a hard slog but didn't shake anyone - except perhaps the delegates, and those only physically.

Bruce Riley, Local NUAUS Secretary, reports on February Council



'On Dit' Reporter
on the
Happening of
the Week

FRESHER THAN THE FRESHEST

The Orientation Week gamut has been run once again: everyone had a lovely time. Perhaps the loveliest time of all was the judging of Miss Fresher, when one and all could visually copulate with the lovely young freshettes that were paraded before us; when one and all could yell out witty sayings such as, "Get ya gear off", "Slack", "Let it all hang out" etc.

It was a really beautiful subliminal orgy. Sigmund would have been proud. Unfortunately, it was something of a bore.

The judges seem to get more non-event every year. The whole thing seems to get more non-event every year.

The judges pressed on undaunted, and selected a winner. "On Dit", endeavouring, as usual to bring to you newsworthy material, held an interview with the lovely winner.

The usual trite questions were asked, and the usual — oh well, not to worry.

Sue went to Loreto, and doesn't agree with sex before marriage, but agrees with what the Pope says about the pill. Politics have not featured heavily in her life, but she hopes to learn more about it.

She is thinking of joining one of the political clubs (Liberal) after she finds out whether or not this sort of activity will interfere too much with her local or Federal member of Parliament was, but then neither does 80% of the population.

her local or Federal member of Parliament was, but then neither does 80% of the population.

She thinks that student unrest is highly exaggerated, and that they should use the orthodox methods of seeking reform.

She likes going to Balls occasionally, and doesn't like guys who don't pay any attention to her at freshers' camp, but hop on the band-wagon when they realize she is Miss Fresher, and therefore, a good prospect for the Commem Ball.

Going "dutch" to a show is out unless she knows the fellow fairly well. Fellows should be courteous and well-mannered if they hope to win her favours.

Her idea of "Mr. Right" is one who is ambitious, knows where he is going, is good looking, and has an interesting personality.

Her ambitions are to get a physiotherapy diploma and broaden her outlook, in that order.

Asked if she would take pot or LSD, if only for the experience, she replied that she would not, because she has no need for such things.

She likes all types of music, and likes hockey and swimming.

Perhaps next year we could stage a "Mr. Fresher" competition. Ho hum.



ON DIT

Twenty four people contributed to this edition of "On Dit". For this to be a paper which covers a wide range of topics at varying levels all the issues which a University paper ought to cover we need a large pool of people who are interested in reporting, writing articles or features, drawing or helping with the administration for "On Dit".

We invite anyone, and especially FRESHERS, at all interested in working for the paper to contact the editors at the S.R.C. Office.

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WE SUPPORT THE CONG

by Chernosotonvatz

A lunch-hour meeting of students voted last week to support the general aims and policies of the National Liberation Front "in their struggle for self determination against American/Australian aggression."

The meeting was staged by the Students for Democratic Action in the first of their weekly forums on the Barr Smith Lawn, and drew an audience of some 400 students. In keeping with the democratic nature and outlook of the organisation, speakers of opposing viewpoints were invited to address the meeting, with SDA supplying the amplification.

Speaking for the motion, SDA's Peter O'Brien presented three reasons for supporting the NLF. He said that in the general historical perspective the Viet Cong are right in the same way that the Americans were right in 1776, the Irish in 1920, or the French Marquis in World War II.

Secondly, our participation in Vietnam is a perfect example of the "bullshit and cant of our society" which can allow genocide to exist so long as beer and football are in an as-

sured supply. And thirdly, he said that "They are fighting our fight against a world system based on the profit motive, a system which puts machines before men: The Viet Cong are really fighting for humanity."

Main opposition to this view of the NLF came from a flour-bomb wielding Mr. Paul Hayward Smith, who dismissed the claims of SDA's revolutionary set as so much "communist crap."

"I consider myself a realist," he said, "which is better than that idealist bastard." Mr. Smith went on to add that he gets his information from TIME magazine and proceeded to demonstrate his command of the facts by asserting that "Vietnam is not one country under the Geneva Agreement of 1956 (sic)" and that the war is simply a matter of "aggression from the North."

The motion supporting the Viet Cong was passed by a narrow majority of 56 to 47, with a large body of the audience abstaining from voting.

A second motion condemning the "conscripted" of Australian youth to fight in an imperialist war in Vietnam was

passed overwhelmingly.

Suspended Teachers College student Bob Hall declared during the debate that he would not attend his National Service medical or pay any fines accruing as a result. He preferred the alternative of goal, he said, to that of disobeying the dictates of his conscience. Mr. Hall added that, "I personally feel that by registering as a conscientious objector you accept the whole National Service system."

Main applause at the meeting was reserved for Professor Harcourt, who condemned the ballot system as an immoral one. "It does not allow (for the objections of) non-pacifists who are opposed to a particular war."

There might well be people in favor of the war in Vietnam but opposed to conscription as it is presently constituted.

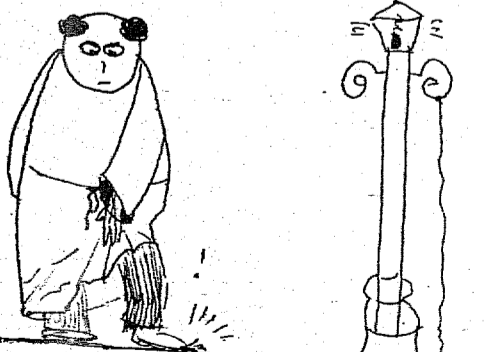
The ballot might appear on first sight to be a cheap means of getting an army but this is fallacious. Professor Harcourt concluded by saying that conscription is, in fact, a "weasely" way of getting around hitting at peoples' pockets in order to raise the pay of volunteers.

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